



Record of Decision

Commission Ruling on Request to Protect Confidential Information

Requestor: McMaster University

Matter: 25-H113 —Request for exemption to increase the total activity limits of Nuclear Substances and Radiation Devices Licence No. 01495-19-26 issued to McMaster University

Proceeding: Hearing in Writing in fall 2025

With respect to the matter noted above, the Commission has considered McMaster's [request for confidentiality](#)¹ for the following document. This request was made pursuant to rule 12 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#) (the *Rules*).

In its consideration of McMaster's request for confidentiality, the Commission also considered [CNSC staff's review](#)² of McMaster's request.

The Commission's ruling on this request, for the purposes of this proceeding, is documented in Table 1 below.

¹ *McMaster University's Request for Confidentiality*, retrieved from the CNSC website: <https://api.cnscccsn.gc.ca/dms/digital-medias/CMD25-H113-RFQ.pdf/object>, August 29, 2025.

² *CNSC Staff's Review of McMaster University June 17, 2025, Request for Confidentiality of Material Submitted in Relation to CANS Exemption to NSRD Regulations Licence Limits*, retrieved from the CNSC website: <https://api.cnscccsn.gc.ca/dms/digital-medias/CMD25-H113-MEMO.pdf/object>, August 29, 2025.

Table 1: Ruling				
Document Title	Information will be Protected		Measure(s) to be Taken	Determination
	Yes	No		
1. Request for an Exemption to Increase the Total Possession Activity Limits of the NSRD License No. 01495-19-26	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Only the non-confidential (redacted) version can be disclosed or published.	<p>The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information of a commercial nature that is treated consistently as confidential.</p> <p>The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the redacted version of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest. The redacted version of the document is available on the CNSC website³ or on request to the Commission Registry.</p>

The Commission is satisfied that:

- as per subrule 12(1)(b) of the *Rules*, the document listed in Table 1 contains confidential information of a commercial nature that is treated consistently as confidential; and
- as per subrules 12(2)(a) and 12(2)(b) of the *Rules*, protection of the information outweighs in importance the public interest in public hearings and disclosure of evidence, and the measure taken is designed so as not to affect the public nature of the proceeding except to the extent necessary to adequately protect the information.

Therefore, applying subrules 12(3)(b) and 12(3)(c) of the *Rules*, the Commission orders that the publication or disclosure of information given to the Commission in item 1 be prohibited, as described in Table 1.

September 4, 2025

Pierre F. Tremblay
Commission President

Date

³ *Request for an Exemption to Increase the Total Possession Activity Limits of the NSRD License No. 01495-19-26*, retrieved from the CNSC website: <https://api.cnscccsn.gc.ca/dms/digital-medias/CMD25-H113-RFQ.pdf/object>, August 29, 2025.